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Chief Executive Officer

October 2, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: WEATHER FORECASTING SERVICES
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES CONTRACT
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to enter into contract with Fox Weather, LLC for weather forecasting services for the 2007-08 storm season for a not-to-exceed annual fee of \$40,000. This work will be financed by the Flood Control District Fund for Fiscal Year 2007-08. The contract allows the option to extend the services for two additional one-year terms for a maximum aggregate contract not-to-exceed fee of \$120,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to retain Fox Weather, LLC to provide weather forecasts tailored to our operational needs. Rainfall forecasts will be provided for key locations, and special consultations will be provided during intense storm monitoring. This information is vital to the Department of Public Works (Public Works) in making flood control and water conservation operation decisions.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3) by allowing efficient and effective use of consultants and Public Safety (Goal 8) by providing weather forecast information used to direct operations and ensure safe operation of flood control facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The cost for these services is for a not-to-exceed annual fee of \$40,000 with the option to extend the services for two additional one-year terms for a maximum aggregate not-to-exceed fee of \$120,000. Financing for the first year of this service is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for termination of services, renegotiation, hiring qualified displaced County employees, and the option to extend the services for two additional one-year terms will be included. Public Works is requesting your Board delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to exercise this option.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Fox Weather, LLC is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program and General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) participants for future employment.

Fox Weather, LLC has certified that it is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program), and the contract requires that the contractor continue such compliance.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the contract stating that the consultant shall notify its employees, and shall require each subconsultant to notify its employees, about Board Policy 5.135, Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contract contains provisions requiring the consultant to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the consultant offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378 (b) (5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a "project" and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Request for Proposals to provide weather forecasting services was issued to six consulting firms. Two proposals were received. The Evaluation Committee, comprised of staff from Public Works' Water Resources and Information Technology Divisions, evaluated the proposal and determined that Fox Weather, LLC is a qualified, responsible proposer providing the better overall value for the proposal.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBEs) in these services is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. Fox Weather, LLC is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program, and its proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this contract opportunity was listed on the County's "Doing Business with Us" website. A copy is attached for your reference. (Attachment A).

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

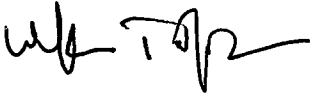
There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Water Resources Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. T. Fujioka', with a stylized flourish at the end.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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RHK:vt

Attachment

c: County Counsel
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)
Department of Public Works (Architectural Engineering)

Bid Detail Information

Bid Number: WRD000011
Bid Title: Request for Proposals-Weather Forecasting Services
Bid Type: Service
Department: Public Works
Commodity: WEATHER FORECASTING SERVICES
Open Date: 6/21/2007
Closing Date: 7/23/2007 12:05 PM
Bid Amount: N/A
Bid Download: Available
Bid Description: The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide weather forecasting services. The purpose of weather forecasting services is to provide rainfall predictions vital for making decisions regarding water conservation and flood control operations at Public Works' dams and groundwater recharge facilities. Proposals must be addressed and submitted to the Department of Public Works, Architectural Engineering Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, California 91803, attention Ms. Ivonne Pena, no later than 5 p.m., July 23, 2007. Envelopes should be marked: "Weather Forecasting Services". The RFP for this project is available to download in 2 parts. Part 1 is the actual RFP and Part 2 is the attachments, exhibits, and forms.

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